
EXPLOSIVE TELEGRAPHS.—In our copious collection from Mr. Laurence Oliphant's new book, (the Narrative of the Earl of Elgin's mission to China and Japan,) in the Times of Saturday, we copied the chapter in which the author notes that on their approach to the shore of Japan, their appearance was signified by cannon placed at intervals, within varying distance of each other, so that by the time they dropped anchor in the bay, the news of their arrival had reached the Emperor, at Yedo—six hundred miles away.—This apparently novel mode of telegraphing such distances, has been paralleled once in our country, and was probably considered a singular feat of engineering. It was the opening of the Erie Canal. On Oct. 26th, 1825, cannon were placed along the line at proper distances, from Buffalo to Albany, three hun-

ores of the Hudson to New York—a total distance, of about five hundred and eighty miles. When the first boat, with Gov. De Witt Clinton and others on board, started—precisely ten o'clock, the cannon at Buffalo gave the signal. So soon as the second reached it, the signal was repeated—then the third, and so from gun to gun the welcome news was forwarded to New York.—The last—the city cannon—fired at precise-

Since we have recalled this incident, we may mention that the governor's boat on its rival at Albany, was taken in charge and accompanied by a throng of gaily decked-out ambabouts, and the whole cortege proceeded down the river, arriving at New York five days from the time at which the departure. Thence, attended by a crowd of steamboats, the whole went down the Bay to Sandy Hook, where Clinton proceeded to throw off water on the whole proceedings, by pouring out the whole of the water into the ocean—thus finally wedding Ontario to the Atlantic—*Century Times*.

HOW MEN RISE IN THE FRENCH ARMY.—Lannes was originally a stable boy; Launès was the son of a laborer; Massena was at one time a cabin boy; Augerau was a cestermon's son; Bernadotte was the son of a braider; Murat was the son of an Innkeeper; Ney was the son of a baker; Ney was for some time an attorney's clerk; Suchet was the son of a cooper; St. Eyr was the son of a painter. It would be endless to go through the long list of great men who have risen from the humblest to the highest position in the French

But, and then the purchase system was not there, and merit, combined with un-
limited bravery, was not superseded as in the
English army, by young brainless lordlings
not permitted to purchase with gold
a position that gallant conduct in the field
long experience in the camp, should alone
command.

Among the illegitimate births in Massa-
chusetts in 1858, there was one case of ex-
traordinary notice, in some respects the extreme
of the mother, Elizabeth D., was
of native parents in the almshouse at
anton, May 5, 1847, and at the same
time she became the mother of a healthy
child on the first day of February, 1858, be-
ing only ten years, eight months and seven
days old. This appears to be a rare case in
Massachusetts, but it is well attested by the

ysician of the almshouse at Taunton, who
ciated personally both at the birth of
a young mother and that of the child.
is boy weighed eight pounds at his birth.
At the age of eighteen months weighed
pounds and was in the enjoyment of ro-
st health.

CANDIDATES.

DR. I respectfully announce myself a candi-
date for the Sheriffship of Alexandria County, at
ensuing election. **C. M. CASTLEMAN.**
th 27—eotE

DR. S. PERGUSON BEACH will be a candi-
date for Attorney of the Commonwealth for the
County of Alexandria. mh 13—tf

DR. STEPHEN SIMON will be supported for
office of Commissioner of the Revenue.
mh 13—tf

DR. We are authorized to announce **WILLIAM**

MASSEY, a candidate for Sheriff of Alexander County, mh 8-1e

✱A CARD.—I hereby announce myself a candidate for COMMISSIONER of the REVENUE of Alexander County, and solicit the support of the citizens of the town and county. WM. A. HART, mh 10-1a[*]

✱By request of a number of friends, I offer self as a candidate for the office of COMMISSIONER of the REVENUE. HENRY L. SIMPSON, mh 10-2awt*

✱We are authorized to announce P. C. AUSTON for Commissioner of the Revenue, at election to take place May 24th, 1896. H. L. MONROE, mh 10-2awt*

✱To the Voters of the City and County of Alexander.—I offer myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff, at the next election, and most respectfully solicit your votes. H. L. MONROE, mh 8-1awt*

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